

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: SOUTH AFRICA If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: South African Department of Trade and Industry Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): ICS: 43.040.70 HS: 87.08
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Ball Type Couplings and Towing Brackets for Towing Caravans and Light Trailers (1 page, in English)
6.	Description of content: Covers requirements for ball type couplings and towing brackets for the towing of caravans and light trailers of gross vehicle mass (GVM) not exceeding 3,500 kg. Towing brackets and integrated towing devices, and coupling balls and ball supports fitted to a new vehicle manufacturer, prior to sale, are excluded from this specification, the towing devices being regarded as forming part of the vehicle.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer safety.
8.	Relevant documents: Compulsory Specification VC 8065 (Draft) GN: R 461 GG: 21149:2000-05-12
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: }
10.	Final date for comments: 12 July 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: